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SUBJECT: CIVIAR: PAN AM OVERFLIGHT OF ANGOLA

REF: KINSHASA 10868

1. DEPT CONTACTED PAN AM TO EMPHASIZE THAT PAN AM SHOULD NOT OVERFLY ANGOLA AND SHOULD NOT APPLY TO LUANDA FOR PERMISSION. PAN AM LATER CONTACTED DEPT TO ADVISE THAT PAN AM/JOHANNESBURG HAD REPORTED A "GENERAL NOTAM" ALLOWING OVERFLIGHT OF ANGOLA OVER ROUTE ALMOST IDENTICAL TO ROUTE PREVIOUSLY FLOWN BY PAN AM. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PAN AM FLIGHT 183 PRESENTLY IN JOHANNESBURG IS TO OVERFLY ANGOLA WHEN IT DEPARTS TODAY, ASSUMING PAN AM RECEIVES
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PERMISSION FROM LUANDA.

2. WE HAVE ADVISED PAN AM/WASHINGTON STAFF-V.P. THAT WE CONSIDER OVERFLIGHT OF ANGOLA DANGEROUS, THAT "CIVIL AUTHORITIES" HAVE NO EFFECTIVE CONTROL OVER AIRSPACE OR RIGHT TO EXERCISE SUCH CONTROL, AND THAT WE ADVISE AGAINST OVERFLIGHT OF ANGOLA. FYI FAA DID NOT AMEND PAN AM ROUTE SPECIFICATIONS TO EXCLUDE FLIGHT OVER ANGOLA, HOWEVER, SO OUR ARGUMENT RESTS ON PERSUASIVENESS. END FYI.

3. WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH PAN AM AND FAA, POSSIBILITY OF PAN AM FLIGHT OFFSHORE, EAST OF ANGOLAN AIRSPACE. FLIGHT

WOULD PASS THROUGH LUANDA FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION (FIR), BUT THIS SHOULD NOT POSE PROBLEM.

4. FAA HAS CONSIDERED ADEQUACY OF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL IN ANGOLA AND IN FIR, AND HAS ISSUED PROHIBITION ON PAN AM OVERFLIGHT OF ANGOLA.

5. RELATED QUESTION HAS ARISEN ABOUT ADEQUACY OF AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE IN FIR. WE MAY SEEK DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR NON-TERRITORIAL FIR AIRSPACE BETWEEN ADJOINING FIRS. ADDITIONAL JUSTIFICATION IS THAT ANGOLA IS NOT CONTRACTING MEMBER OF ICAO.

6. LUSAKA: PAN AM WILL AGAIN HAVE PROBLEM WITH OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES; DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE

YOUR ASSISTANCE IN SECURING FLIGHT CLEARANCES.

ALL ADDRESSEES: DEPT UNDERSTANDS MOST TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS LEFT ANGOLA ON LAST FEW FLIGHTS FROM LUANDA. DEPT AND FAA WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER INFORMATION ON CURRENT STATE OF AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES IN ANGOLA. KISSINGER

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